

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 38, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraphs:

A sustaining pulse at the voltage V_s is supplied to the odd-numbered X electrodes and the even-numbered Y electrodes. Thereby, as is clear from FIGS. 4 and 7, a capacitor having X1 and Y1 electrodes is charged with a current from the odd-numbered X sustain circuit 26 to the X1 electrode and a current flows from the X1 electrode to the Y1 electrode. Simultaneously, a capacitor having Y2 and X2 electrodes is charged with a current from the even-numbered Y sustain circuit 25 to the Y2 electrode and a current flows from the Y2 electrode to the X2 electrode. Accordingly, the direction of the current on the Y1 electrode is opposite to that of the current on the X2 electrode, resulting in decreasing electric noise generation.

The effective voltages of a pixel between the odd-numbered X electrode and the odd-numbered Y electrode and a pixel between the even-numbered Y electrode and the even-numbered X electrode are both $V_s + V_{wall}$ whereas the effective voltages of a pixel between the odd-numbered Y electrode and the even-numbered X electrode and a pixel between the odd-numbered X electrode and the even-numbered Y electrode are zero. That is, the sustaining pulses applied on the Y1 and X2 electrodes are in the same phase and the sustaining pulses applied on the X3 and Y2 electrodes are in the same phase. With this, sustaining discharge occurs at a time S as shown in FIG. 7 after a front pulse edge at time h between the odd-numbered X electrodes and the odd-numbered Y electrodes and between the

even-numbered Y electrodes and the even-numbered X electrodes, a wall charge with reverse polarity is generated to end the discharge. At the sustaining discharge, it is clear from FIGS 4 and 7 that the gas-discharge currents occur from the X1 electrode to the Y1 electrode and from the Y2 electrode to the X2 electrode.

Sustaining discharge does not occur between other electrodes. Consequently, display of all the display odd-numbered lines L1, L3, L5 and L7 in the odd-numbered field becomes effective at once.